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To: Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Y. WATANABE et al (see attached)

For:
STORAGE SYSTEM, AND CONTROL METHOD, JOB SCHEDULING PROCESSING
METHOD, AND FAILURE HANDLING METHOD THEREFOR, AND PROGRAM
FOR EACH METHOD

Enclosed are:

- 17 Sheets of Drawings
 This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.
 Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-390239 (which is hereby filed November 20, 2003). A certified copy is attached herewith. incorporated by reference)
 Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.
 Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.
 Specification: Abstract , Description 52 pages; and 9 claim(s).
 Preliminary Amendment.
 Executed Declaration.

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